

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to correct minor clerical errors, employ more idiomatic English and include section headings in accordance with U.S. practice. Additionally, the specification has been amended to include descriptions of the drawings added by this amendment. No new matter has been entered.

Claim 17 has been amended to address the 112 rejection. Additionally, new claims 33 and 34 have been added to further scope the invention.

Drawing Figures 1 and 2, and accompanying text have been added to address the rejection under 37 CFR 1.83(a). No new matter has been entered.

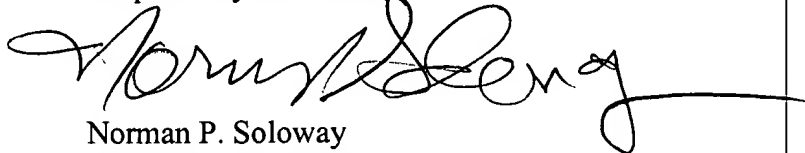
With regard to the 112 rejection to claim 31, it is believed that with the addition of the drawing figures, the cutting step is believed rendered clear.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Form PTO-2038 for one month extension fee of \$110.00 accompanies this amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,



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